

# **The story of Ya'qub (AS): Grief for Yusuf and Binyamin**

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## **Chapter 1: The Affliction of Prophet Ya‘qub (AS)**

### **A Brother’s Concern: Signs of Sorrow**

**Prophet Ya‘qub (AS) had a spiritual brother who, upon observing the signs of deep sorrow upon him, gently inquired into the nature of his affliction.**

### **A Brother’s Inquiry:**

**Brother:**

**"Ya‘qub! Why have your eyes dimmed, and why is your back bent?"**

## **A Father's Grief: Loss of Yusuf and Binyamin**

**In response to his brother's compassionate inquiry, Prophet Ya'qub (AS) revealed the profound source of his anguish—the separation from his beloved sons, Yusuf and Binyamin.**

**Ya'qub's Response:**

**Ya'qub (AS):**

**"My eyes have dimmed from weeping over Yusuf, and my back has bent because of sorrow for my son Binyamin."**

## **The Arrival of Jibril: A Message from the Divine**

**Following this heartfelt exchange, the angel Jibril (AS) descended to Prophet Ya‘qub (AS) bearing a message of divine admonition.**

**Divine Rebuke:**

**Jibril (AS):**

**"Allah Almighty sends you His greetings and says: 'Are you not ashamed to complain about Me to others?'"**

**In response, Ya‘qub (AS) humbly clarified the true recipient of his lament.**

**Ya‘qub (AS):**

**"I only complain of my condition and grief to Allah."**

**Jibril (AS) responded with gentle reassurance.**

**Jibril (AS):**

**"I know what you complain of, Ya‘qub."**

## **Supplication and Longing: A Plea for Mercy**

**Weighed down by grief, Ya‘qub (AS) turned his heart toward Allah in earnest supplication.**

**Ya‘qub’s Supplication:**

**Ya‘qub (AS):**

**"O my Lord, will You not have mercy on the old man?  
You have taken away my sight and bent my back.  
Return them to me so I may smell his fragrance  
before death, then do with me as You will."**



## **Divine Assurance: Glad Tidings and Guidance**

**Jibril (AS) returned once more, bringing with him a message of divine reassurance and heavenly promise.**

### **A Message of Hope:**

**Jibril (AS):**

**"Allah sends you His greetings and says: Rejoice and let your heart be glad! By My Might and Majesty, if they were dead, I would bring them back to life. Therefore, feed the needy, for among My servants, the most beloved to Me are the Prophets and the poor."**

## **Cause and Consequence: The Reason Behind the Trial**

**The angel Jibril (AS) then conveyed the divine rationale behind Ya‘qub’s (AS) suffering and the conduct of Yusuf’s brothers.**

### **A Divine Explanation**

**Jibril (AS):**

**"Do you know why this happened? Why your eyes went blind and your back bent? And why Yusuf’s brothers behaved thus? You once slaughtered a sheep, and then a poor orphan fasting came to you, yet you did not feed him anything."**